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She will focus on the need to abandon the 'monolingual speaker' as the point of reference, both in research and in society. There is now plenty of evidence that native languages change, in selective ways, both as a result of learning other languages and as a result of living in multilingual communities. In many sectors of society - particularly Western societies - there is often implicit expectation that bilinguals should behave like monolinguals in both their languages. This is detrimental to the integration of migrant communities in schools, as well as to their treatment in medical practices and in other sectors of society. There are also implications for language mixing, which is a highly regular behaviour based on good knowledge of both languages but doesn't conform to the expectation that bilinguals should be the sum of two monolinguals.